The situation of the army of Italy is somewhat critical; Massena is cooped up in Genoa with rations that will last till the 25th or 26th. The army of Melas appears to be quite large. I greet you cordially.

(To Massena.) The Reserve army is marching fast. I leave to-night. I count on you to hold out as long as you can, but at the least until the 30th.

9th, Geneva:

(To the Consuls of the Republic.) I reached here at midnight. The whole army is moving and in good order. I note with pleasure that Paris is calm. But in any case, I repeat, strike hard at any one, whoever he may be, who shows the first signs of wabbling.

What I witnessed on my journey through France is indescribable. Had I not frequently changed my route I would have been another eight days getting here.

llth. (To Saliceti.) Write to Malta by every ship, and give them news from Europe, insisting on the fact that France and Europe confidently expect them to hold their posts to the last mouthful of bread.

12th, Lausanne:

(To General Dupont.) Give orders that, beginning tomorrow, in every demi-brigade the conscripts shall be made to fire a few shots, shall be shown with which eye to aim, and how to load a musket.